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Re Docket No. 98P-0151/CPI

Gentlemen:

I urge you to grant the referenced petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

My reasons for this request you may be familiar with: humane treatment of such animals, and to keep their carcasses from entering the human food chain, particularly the school lunch program.

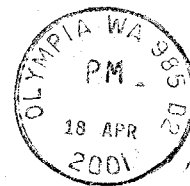
Yours very truly,

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